(b) if so, the details thereof together with the information regarding actual position in this respect; and

(c) the action Government are going to be taken in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

ILO's criticism on India for hiding facts on child labour

1340. SHRI ABANI ROY:
PROF. M.M. AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether ILO has criticised India for trying to hide the truth about the country's child labourers mostly engaged in hazardous occupations;

(b) if so, whether Government have been deliberately hiding the exact number of child labourers engaged in hazardous occupations;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the exact number of child labourers in each State as on 31st July, 2000; and

(e) whether Government have proposed any comprehensive scheme and programme in this regard during the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001; and

(f) the achievements in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) The Committee on Application of Standards of the International Labour Conference in June, 2000 noted 3overnment of India's commitment to elimination of child labour. It urged the government to step up its activities.

(b) and (c) Authentic information on Child Labour is generated during the decennial census. As per the 1991 census, the total number of working children in the country is 11.28 million.

(d) A statement showing number of working children in each State/UT as per 1991 census is given (See below).

(e) and (f) Government of India has been implementing two schemes, for rehabilitation of children withdrawn from work, namely the scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLP) and the scheme of Grant-in-aid to

Voluntary Organisations. 93 NCLPs are currently under implementation in 11 child labour endemic states for rehabilitation of 1.9 lakh children. Government has approved the continuance of the scheme of NCLP for the duration of the Ninth Plan and expansion of number of projects uptil 100.

Under the Scheme of Grant-in-aid, Funds are released to Voluntary Organisations, on the recommendation of *the* concerned State Government, for taking up action oriented Projects for the benefit of working children. Over 70 projects are currently under implementation under the Scheme of Grant-in-aid.

The above Schemes are continuing in the year 2000-2001 also.

Statement

State-wise Distribution of Working Children According to 199] Census

SI.. NO..	State/Union Territories	Main Workers	Marginal Workers	Total Workers
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1,537,293	124,647	1,661,940
2.	Assam	259,953	67,645	327,598
3.	Bihar	795,444	1,46,801	942,245
4.	Gujarat	373,027	150,558	523,585
5.	Haryana	89,030	20,661	109,691
6.	Himachal Pradesh	30,771	25,667	56,438
7.	Jammu and Kashmir	**	**	**
8.	Karnataka	818,159	158,088	976,247
9.	Kerala	28,590	6,210	34,800
10.	Madhya Pradesh	997,940	354,623	1,352,563
11.	Maharashtra	805,847	262,571	1,068,418
12.	Manipur	13,478	3,015	16,493
13.	Meghalaya	30,730	3,903	34,633
14.	Nagaland	16,106	370	16,476
15.	Orissa	325,250	127,144	452,394
16.	Punjab	132,414	10,454	142,868

SI. NO.	State/Union Territories	Main Workers	Marginal Workers	Total Workers
17.	Rajasthan	490,522	283,677	774,199
18.	Sikkim	5,254	344	5,598
19.	Tamilnadu	523,125	55,764	578,889
20.	Tripura	13,506	2,972	16,478
21.	Uttar Pradesh	1,145,087	264,999	1,410,086
22.	West Bengal	593,387	118,304	711,691
23.	Andaman & Nikobar Island	758	507	1,265
24.	Arunachal Pradesh	11,632	763	12,395
25.	Chandigarh	1,839	31	1,870
26.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2,677	1,739	4,416
27.	Delhi	26,670	681	27,351
28.	Daman and Diu	741	200	941
29.	Goa	3,938	718	4,656
30.	Lakshadweep	17	17	34
31.	Mizoram	6,391	10,020	16,411
32.	Pondicherry	2,565	115	2,680
	TOTAL	9,082,141	2,203,208	11,285,349

** Census could not be conducted.

NB: Figures for 1991 relates to workers of age group 5-14 years.

Vacant posts in Labour Courts

1341. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any vacant posts in labour courts in the country;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to fill-up these posts;

(c) the number of pending cases in labour court for the past five years, State-wise; and

(d) what is the percentage of disposal of cases during the last three years?